

Farm Demonstration Department



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Where Are We "At."

Referring to the 1920 Census reports, we find the following conditions in Richmond county:

Spent for fertilizers alone \$775,000
Spent for labor alone 137,000
Feeds alone 98,000
Total for feeds, foods, fertilizers and labor \$1,110,000
The 1921 cotton crop will bring about \$1,000,000 (not more), showing a deficit or actual loss, of \$110,700.

In 1920, when prosperity had preceded, statistics show that our farms were mortgaged to the extent of 29.2% of their value—God alone knows what it would now show—we are afraid to look up present condition.

Our Food Supply.

We have 1 glass of milk per inhabitant per day; 8-10 of an ounce of hog meat per day; 1-8 of an egg; 2-5 of an ounce of chicken; and a garden plot of 2x4 feet for each inhabitant. It is evident, therefore, that our living is unnecessarily scant or unnecessarily costly.

By living at home our savings would be:

Feeds \$98,000
Foods 100,000
Nitrogen in fertilizers, saved by planting legumes 500,000
Total savings \$698,000
on feeds, fertilizers and foods alone, not to speak of less ills and doctor bills etc.

There is no other way but to feed the soil, feed ourselves and feed our animals. Soil building through the use of the legumes in crop rotation is the whole thing in a nut shell.

These are facts. The question is, will we face them in time to avert ruin. Soy beans in the rows with the corn, and velvet beans in the middles should be our first and next step in farm practice. It is now time to plant spring gardens, prepare for more and better poultry, hogs, and to prepare for better pasture for better support of the family cow, if home raised products are to cost the minimum and bring best results.

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Pittsboro and Morven.

An examination will be held at Sanford April 18th to fill the position of postmaster at Pittsboro. The salary is \$1800. Also on the same date an examination will be held at Wadesboro for the Morven postoffice, salary \$1300.

Inquiry from China.

Mr. J. F. Diggs March 13th received an interesting inquiry from China regarding the very valuable bull, Raleigh's Farmer's Glory, that he bought in Kentucky about two years or more ago. It is also of interest to know that three young bulls sired by this animal and out of register of merit cows, will be in the lot of 60 Jerseys to be sold at auction by him on April 14th. The letter from China is as follows:

"Kaifeng Baptist College, Kaifeng, China, Feb. 15, 1922.
Dear Sir:

Kindly send me one of your sales catalogues. I was present at Mrs. Henning's Sales when you bought that noted Raleigh's Farmer's Glory and am much interested in following his development. Have any of his daughters freshened as yet and what are they like?

We have two fine young men from N. C. A. & E. College, Raleigh, with us for our Agricultural Department. The last to arrive, Joseph Lee, took the animal husbandry course and gives promise of making a good dairyman.

Yours sincerely,
W. Eugene Sallee."

Democrats April 20th.

The Democratic State Convention will be held at Raleigh April 20th. The precinct primaries will be held in every county at 2 o'clock on Saturday, April 8th, to select delegates to the county conventions which will be held at every county-seat on Saturday, April 15th at 11 o'clock. The regular primary for nominating candidates will be held June 3rd.

Address on Civic Welfare.

Dr. Howard W. Odom, of the School of Public Welfare at the University, will deliver an address in the Rockingham opera house on Thursday night of next week, the 23rd, at 8:30. He comes under the auspices of the Civics department of the Woman's Club. Every person in the community is invited and urged to come out and hear Dr. Odom. He comes with a message.

E. Thomas in Business.

On Dec 19th the E. Thomas mercantile store in Rockingham closed its doors, the business going into voluntary bankruptcy. On last Friday Mr. Thomas made satisfactory settlement with his creditors, and has been discharged from bankruptcy.

He left here Monday for New York to buy additional stock, and is announcing in this issue a sale to begin on next Wednesday, 22nd.

Street and Funding Bonds.

In this issue can be seen two ordinances authorizing the town of Rockingham to issue \$200,000 in bonds for street improvement, and \$25,000 of funding bonds.

Time to Build.

Your attention is invited to page four to the most unique—and sensible—advertisement this paper has ever run. The page is paid for by two local firms, and yet the matter they are talking about is really not of an advertising nature. Read it, and if it is possible act on the suggestion contained therein.

Breeders' Autos Sell.

The Breeders, of Bennettsville, brought about 15 cars here last Saturday and sold them at auction. Some of the purchasers think they got bargains.

Sells Cabinets.

F. S. Terry, agent for the Safe Cabinet Co., this week sold to the town a No. 42 cabinet for the records in the Municipal building. This safe is 20 inches wide, 40 high and 15 deep, inside measurement. Mr. Terry a few days ago sold one to H. C. Wall that is 20 wide, 52 high and 18 deep, and a similar one to the Hamlet Med. Co.

Man vs Hawk.

Ralph Hutchinson carries the Route one mail, and in between times raises chickens, farms and piddles about in general. Last Sunday a large hawk attacked his flock, and valiantly did Mr. Hutchinson rush to the rescue. He had no weapon save his hands and feet, and with his No. 7's (?) he finally finished the bird. The hawk measured slightly over four feet from tip to tip.

Big Ball Game.

Fans by the hundred will flock to Hamlet next Thursday, 23rd, to see Ty Cobb in action. The Detroit Tigers will play the Rochester Internationals, the game to be at the new James field, at 3 o'clock. The new field contains 7 1-2 acres, and this has been fenced in; a grand stand with seating capacity for 300, is being built. The enclosure is very large so that hundreds of autos can be parked within. A script dance will be held at Hamlet that night, with music by the "Oxley Entertainers."

McLendon Building.

J. R. McLendon has some building operations in progress on Franklin street. He is extending back the brick room occupied by D. A. Currie, and the addition will provide quarters for Mr. Currie and for a colored restaurant, opening into the alley to the east. The room fronting Franklin street that is to be vacated by Mr. Currie will be used as additional room by Pep DeBerry, colored, adjoining.

\$230.80 Near East.

With the Ellerbe and Hamlet chairmen yet to be heard from, the funds so far raised in Richmond county for the Near East Relief is \$230.80. This is the amount reported by Chairman Leake S. Covington to the headquarters in Raleigh. This lacks quite a bit of coming up to the quota, and so contributions are still welcome. Mr. Covington was chairman, with I. S. London treasurer for the county, Mrs. W. P. Webb was chairman of the woman's committee in Rockingham, her workers being Mesdames B. F. Palmer, R. S. Leak, H. D. Ledbetter, Eugene Payne, M. B. Leath, E. A. Allen, John Allred, John Morrison, Howard J. Hartzell and Miss Faith Covington.

Superior Court.

A term Superior Court for civil cases begins at Rockingham next Monday, with Judge Webb presiding. See calendar on page 10.

Jury drawn for the civil term to begin March 20th, is:

Jasper Forbis	W. D. Dennis
A. C. Phifer	B. F. Thomas
W. R. Davis	R. L. Nichols, Jr.
S. B. Smith	E. R. Hudson
Jas. B. Gibson	C. K. Rhyme
W. T. Black	W. B. Dawkins
T. H. Howell	A. T. White
A. T. Hutchinson	H. D. Baldwin
J. P. Gibbons	E. B. Terry, Jr.
J. E. Haywood	G. I. Newberry
B. A. Porter	D. E. Williams
J. A. McInnis	J. M. Haywood

Good Fellows Supper.

The monthly supper of the Good Fellows club will be held at the hotel tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30. Every member (and those not members but who wish to attend) will please notify Secretary Joe Stephenson, or Manager T. C. Jones, Jr. It is hoped the attendance will be well over 100. Chairman Allen, of the arrangement committee, has prepared a good program, based chiefly on the housing problem of the town.

Every man in the community should attend these Good Fellows luncheons or suppers. The cost is \$1—50c for the supper and 50c for the club treasury. Make your plans NOW to attend Friday night, and all work together for the building up of Rockingham.

Ada Jones Coming.

Thousands have heard the voice of America's best known comedienne, Ada Jones, on the phonograph, but few, if any, in Richmond county have ever seen her sing. They are now to have this privilege.

On Monday night, March 27th, Ada Jones and company will appear in person at the Rockingham opera house in a concert, under auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian church. With her will be Beth Hamilton, violinist, Mabel H. Loomis, soprano and pianist, and Armstrong, the man of mystery. The admission will be 50c for children, balcony 75c, lower floor \$1. Seats reserved at W. E. McNair's store after March 24th.

Last Call for Taxes.

The law provides that on April 1st, the Sheriff shall advertise for sale all property on which the taxes have not been paid. Therefore, this is to notify all parties who have not paid their State and County Taxes, that if same is not paid on or before April 1st, 1922, the same will be advertised and cost added. Please attend to this matter at once and save cost. I will have no choice in this, but am forced to comply with the law.

R. L. McDonald, Sheriff.

Road Matters.

The surveyors are surveying the Hamlet-Rockingham road, and they will have everything ready so that the State Highway Commission can let the contract at the April meeting. The road, as our readers know, will be of concrete. It will follow the present road almost entirely, merely eliminating here and there some particularly bad curves.

As soon as they finish this survey, they will run a line out Old Washington street east from the Fair Grounds. It is believed that this route will be found to be the best and that the Commission will select it in preference to the line running east from New Washington street. The road will run directly to a point near Cognac, making the stretch to be built just 9 miles, and shortening the distance to Hoffman by two miles. Undoubtedly this road will become hard surface within the next several years; it will be surveyed and graded with the idea of it becoming a trunk line.

Also within the next two years it seems certain that the Pee Dee will be bridged. To have this done, the county will doubtless have to forego about four miles of concrete road, in the line from the river to the Scotland county line; but this would be preferable to not having the bridge.

Rham 17, Roberdel 15.

Rockingham girls and Roberdel girls played at Pee Dee this afternoon for county championship in basketball. Rockingham won 17 to 15. The score was tied at 15 each, necessitating an extra period of play.

"Cyclone Mack" Coming.

The ministers of Rockingham held a meeting Monday at which an invitation was extended "Cyclone Mack" to hold a revival here. Rev. Leon Hall has been in close touch with the evangelist and is certain Mr. McLendon will accept. He is now in California. The date will be announced later.

"THE GREAT DAY"

Friday, March 17
AT THE STAR THEATRE

Come one, come all. Matinee 2:30, night at 7 o'clock.

PUSH ROCKINGHAM FORWARD.

Triangular High School Debate.

The annual High School triangular debate will take place here in the school auditorium on Friday, March 24th, at 8:30 p. m. Rockingham High School is in a triangle with the High Schools of Carthage and Laurinburg. The query for debate this year is: "Resolved that the United States Should Enter the League of Nations."

A new plan will be tried this year by this triangle. Each team will debate away from home in a neutral town. Under this arrangement Rockingham's affirmative team will debate the negative team of Carthage at Laurinburg; Rockingham's negative team will debate the affirmative team of Laurinburg at Carthage; while the affirmative team of Carthage will take issue with Laurinburg's negative at Rockingham.

The Rockingham debaters are Jim Bell and Robert Covington on the affirmative; Ammie Webb and Ruby Lassiter on the negative.

The teams which will debate here are Carthage affirmative, Dwight Currie and Vernon McLeod against Laurinburg negative composed of Margaret Blue and Lula McLaurin.

The subject is one that has been of general interest since the close of the World War, and a splendid debate may be looked for. The people of Rockingham are cordially invited to be present. The debate will begin promptly at 8:30, at which time the doors of the building will be closed.

Episcopal Schedule.

Services at Episcopal church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Subject: "Two pillars that have proven sufficient to bear the world's weight." Sunday school at 9:45.

Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. Lenten service at five o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Subject: "Helpful books to read during Lent."

No prayer service next Wednesday night because of wedding at Methodist church.

Service for children Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Rector.

Remember and don't forget to see HAROLD LLOYD in "A SAILOR MADE MAN" Monday and Tuesday, April 3rd and 4th. At the Star Theatre.

A WINDSTORM IN GEORGIA

Monday killed 28 people and injured many others. Besides, many thousand dollars damage resulted.

But, you will say, we never have such storms in this State. Way back yonder, Feb. 19th, 1884, a tornado swept this county, passing near Rockingham and killing and injuring a number of people. It can do it again. Be protected. Get your property insured against wind and storm, against fire, against theft. We insure anything. See Corpening or Simons.

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